

Appendix E

PARKS, TRAILS, AND NATURAL AREAS FUNDING CRITERIA

The Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act on 1998, Section 4 (e)(3)(A)(iv) allows for money from the Special Account to be expended for:

“ . . . development of parks, trails, and natural areas in Clark County, Nevada, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with a unit of local government. . . ”

The Park, Trail, and Natural Area (PTNA) category is inherently intended to fund outdoor projects aimed at accomplishing the strategic goals below. The PTNA category is not intended to fund capital improvement-type projects where the primary goal of the nomination is construction, renovation, or expansion of buildings (e.g., museums, schools, office or administrative buildings, theaters, auditoriums, etc.). However, funding may be provided for PTNA projects which, due to the nature of the project, require incidental building construction (e.g., restrooms, maintenance sheds, group picnic shelters, shade structures, small visitor greeting areas, etc.). In addition, funding may be provided for PTNA projects which include, or where the primary purpose is, more significant building construction, such as a visitor center with nature displays tied to the park's theme, when the proposed building is deemed an integral part of a larger PTNA project and critical to accomplishing the goals of that larger project.

Eligibility

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas projects may be nominated by a unit of local government (Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, the City of North Las Vegas, or the City of Henderson) as well as by a regional government entity (Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Regional Flood Control District or the Clark County Sanitation District).

Strategic Goal for Contributing to the Development of Parks, Trails and Natural Areas

Partner with local government in Clark County to develop more and better parks, trails and natural areas to:

- Meet increasing demand and changing demographics for outdoor recreation;
- Provide more and better education opportunities (environmental, historical, cultural, scientific);
- Protect and preserve significant resource values (including historical, cultural, scientific and natural resource values) and improve the quality of the environment; and/or
- Link the urban area with the public lands as a part of a regional trail system.

Minimum Criteria

- The project is located in Clark County; and
- A Cooperative Agreement between a Federal land management agency and a unit of local government or regional governmental entity is in place. (The SNPLMA Assistance

Agreements with eligible local and regional governmental entities satisfy this requirement. However specific projects may require a separate cooperative agreement with one or more of the Federal land management agencies to address management and/or operation of the finished project or to meet some other legal requirement.)

Ranking Criteria

1. Does the project provide or improve parks, trails, or natural areas to meet the demands and changing demographics of Southern Nevada residents and visitors? If yes, provide a short narrative, which Describes any or all of the following factors: Points 20

Factors:

- The nature of the project;
- How the project meets an unfilled demand or deficiency for parks, trails, or natural areas; and
- How the project provides educational opportunities.

2. Does the project protect the integrity of significant resource values, improve the quality of the environment, or protect open space resources? If yes, describe the following: Points 15

Factors:

- Significance of cultural, historical, scientific, or open space resources and
- Nature of any threat to the resource values, urgency for action, and/or desired outcomes

3. Discuss the regional significance of the project and address the following factors: Points 15

Factors:

- Is the park, trail, or natural area part of an approved federal or regional plan;
- Does the project provide connectivity to a previously approved SNPLMA project, a regional park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands; and
- Describe any project coordination with adjacent jurisdictions.

4. Describe any other considerations that contribute to the significance of the project, which may include the following factors: Points 05

Factors:

- Number of funding partnerships and amount of money contributed to the project;
- Support of the State, other local governments, interested parties, and/or federal agencies; and
- Other unique elements of the project not previously addressed

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 55